



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

OFFICE OF
WATER

APR 30 1982

Ms. Martha Girard, Director
Office of the Federal Register

Dear Ms. Girard:

I would like to request an expedited printing of the enclosed notice of public hearing on the State of California Underground Injection Program application. This is necessary because of a statutory requirement in the Safe Drinking Water Act, section 1422. We will not meet our statutory 30 day public comment period if this notice is printed in the Federal Register later than Tuesday, May 4, 1982.

I would appreciate your cooperation in expediting printing of the attached Federal Register notice.

Sincerely,

Marion K. Thompson

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Office of Regulation Review

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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Public Notice of UIC Primacy Application
from California - ACTION MEMORANDUM

FROM: Victor J. Kimm, Director *naion relay for*
Office of Drinking Water (WH-550)

TO: Frederic A. Eidsness, Jr.
Assistant Administrator for Water (WH-556)

Purpose

The purpose of this action memorandum is to request your approval to publish in the Federal Register public notice that the Agency has received an application from the State of California to assume primary enforcement responsibility for the Underground Injection Control (UIC) program under the Safe Drinking Water Act (Act).

Discussion

Section 1422(b)(2) of the Act requires the Administrator to approve or disapprove State applications for primacy in the UIC program "by rule." This means that the Agency must notify the public, accept public comments and provide the opportunity for a public hearing. The Federal Register notice attached for your signature would accomplish these things. The application from the California Division of Oil and Gas covers all Class II oil and natural gas related injection wells in California.

The application was received in our Region IX office on April 5, 1982. By law, the Administrator must act on the application within 90 days or by July 5, 1982. The public hearing have been set for June 1 and June 3, 1982. The notice must be published in the Federal Register by April 30, 1982 in order to provide at least 30 days of notice.

Recommendation

I recommend that you sign the attached Federal Register notice as soon as possible.

Attachment

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
40 CFR PART 123
CALIFORNIA DIVISION OF OIL AND GAS
UNDERGROUND INJECTION CONTROL
PRIMACY APPLICATION

AGENCY: Environmental Protection Agency

ACTION: Notice of public comment period and of public hearings.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this notice is to announce that:
(1) the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has received a complete application from the California Division of Oil and Gas requesting approval of its Underground Injection Control program; (2) the application is available for inspection and copying; (3) public comments are requested; and (4) public hearings will be held.

This notice is required by the Safe Drinking Water Act as a part of the response to the States complying with the statutory requirement that there be an Underground Injection Control program in designated States.

The proposed comment period and public hearings will provide EPA the breadth of information and public opinion

necessary to approve, disapprove, or approve in part and disapprove in part the application from the California Division of Oil and Gas to regulate all Class II oil and natural gas related injection wells in California.

DATES: Two Public Hearings will be held. A single session will be held on June 1, 1982, 7:30 p.m. Two sessions will be held on June 3, 1982, one beginning at 10:00 a.m. and a second at 7:30 p.m. Comments must be received by May 19, 1982.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be mailed to Nathan Lau, Water Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, Region IX, 215 Fremont Street, San Francisco, California 94105. Copies of the application and pertinent material are available from 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday at the following locations:

Environmental Protection Agency, Region IX
Library, 6th Floor
215 Fremont Street
San Francisco, California 94105
(415) 974-8076

California Division of Oil and Gas
1416 9th Street, Room 1310
Sacramento, California 90804
(916) 445-9686

and at the Division's district offices located at:

5199 E. Pacific Coast Hwy., Suite 309-N
Long Beach, California 90804
(213) 590-5311

146 S. Ojai Street, P.O. Box 67
Santa Paula, California 93060
(805) 525-2105

301 W. Church Street, P.O. Box 227
Santa Maria, California 93454
(805) 925-2686

4800 Stockdale Hwy., Suite 417
Bakersfield, California 93309
(805) 322-4031

466 N. Fifth Street, P.O. Box 616
Coalinga, California 93210
(209) 935-2941

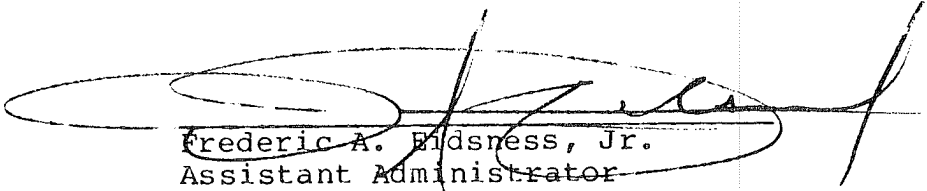
117 W. Main Street, Suite 11
Woodland, California 95695
(916) 662-4683

The June 1st hearing will be held at the Bakersfield City Council Chamber, City Hall, 1501 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, California. The June 3rd public hearing will be held at the Environmental Protection Agency, Nevada Room, 6th Floor, 215 Fremont Street, San Francisco, California.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nathan Lau, Water Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, Region IX, 215 Fremont Street, San Francisco, California 94105, (415) 974-8274.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The application from the California Division of Oil and Gas is for the regulation of all oil and natural gas related injection wells in the State. The application includes a description of the State Underground Injection Control program, copies of all applicable rules and forms, a statement of legal authority and a memorandum of agreement between the California Division of Oil and Gas and the Region IX office of the Environmental Protection Agency.

DATED: 4/29/82



Frederic A. Eidsness, Jr.
Assistant Administrator
for Water